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*Summary of plague laboratory work for month of October, 1908.*

Assistant Surgeon Chapin reports, November 5, through Passed Assistant Surgeon Glover:

November 5. The following is a report of the work done in the plague laboratory for the month of October, 1908:

During the month 5,534 rats were delivered at the laboratory, of which 4,054 were necropsied. No evidence of plague infection was found. The verification was completed during the month of a plague rat delivered September 26.

The summary of the work to date comprises 3 human and 21 rat cases. The last human case was discovered October 25, 1907, and the last plague-infected rat was delivered September 26, 1908.

STATISTICAL REPORTS OF MORBIDITY AND MORTALITY, STATES AND CITIES  
OF THE UNITED STATES—UNTABULATED.

CALIFORNIA.—Month of September, 1908. Estimated population, 2,001,193. Total number of deaths reported to the state board of health, 2,369, including diphtheria 25, enteric fever 61, measles 2, scarlet fever 5, whooping cough 10, smallpox 1, and 358 from tuberculosis.

COLORADO.—*Colorado Springs*.—Months of August and September, 1908. Estimated population, 32,000. Total number of deaths, 84, including enteric fever 1, scarlet fever 2, whooping cough 2, diphtheria 2, and 33 from tuberculosis. Cases: Scarlet fever 29, diphtheria 7, enteric fever 21, and whooping cough 3.

FLORIDA.—Reports from the state board of health for the week ended November 7, 1908, show as follows: Enteric fever—*Bartow* and *Jacksonville*, each 1 case. Tuberculosis—*Jacksonville*, *Tampa*, and *Manatee*, each 1 case. Diphtheria—*Bradentown*, 2; *Jacksonville*, and *Tampa*, each 4 cases; *Plant City*, *Miami*, and *Tallahassee* and *Mahatee*, each 1 case.

ILLINOIS—*Alton*.—Month of October, 1908. Estimated population, 22,000. Total number of deaths, 10, including diphtheria 1, and 1 from tuberculosis. Cases: Diphtheria 3.

*Jacksonville*.—Month of October, 1908. Estimated population, 17,500. Total number of deaths, 23. Cases: Diphtheria 5.

*Quincy*.—Month of October, 1908. Estimated population, 43,000. Total number of deaths, 59, including enteric fever 1, and 5 from tuberculosis. Cases: Diphtheria 14, enteric fever 2, and scarlet fever 1.

INDIANA.—Month of September, 1908. Estimated population, 2,648,594. Total number of deaths, 2,755, including tuberculosis 318, enteric fever 118, diphtheria 29, scarlet fever 5, measles 1, and 21 from whooping cough.

Morbidity: Diphtheria, 352 cases in 32 counties; enteric fever, 446 cases in 76 counties; smallpox, 32 cases in 8 counties; tuberculosis, 318.

IOWA—*Davenport*.—Month of October, 1908. Estimated popu-

lation, 40,000. Total number of deaths not reported. Cases: Diphtheria 32, enteric fever 6, measles 95, tuberculosis 1, whooping cough 2, and smallpox 1.

*Sioux City.*—Month of October, 1908. Estimated population 50,000. Total number of deaths not reported. Cases: Diphtheria 3, enteric fever 3, and scarlet fever 1.

**NEW JERSEY.**—Reports to the state board of health for the month ended October 15, 1908, show a total of 2,904 deaths, including diphtheria 34, enteric fever 34, measles 1, scarlet fever 18, whooping cough 21, and 298 from tuberculosis.

*Morristown.*—Month of October, 1908. Estimated population 12,500. Total number of deaths, 18. Cases: Enteric fever 1, scarlet fever 3, and diphtheria 1.

*Perth Amboy.*—Month of May, 1908. Estimated population, 28,000. Total number of deaths, 23, including diphtheria 2, and two from tuberculosis. Cases: Diphtheria 3, scarlet fever 3, measles 24.

**NEW YORK.**—Month of September, 1908. Estimated population, 8,546,356. Reports to the state department of health show as follows: Total number of deaths, 11,069, corresponding to an annual death rate of 15.5 per 1,000 of the population, including enteric fever 195, measles 17, scarlet fever 33, whooping cough 45, diphtheria 140, smallpox 1, and 1,258 from tuberculosis. Cases: Diphtheria 1,415, enteric fever 1,197, measles 449, scarlet fever 972, smallpox 5, and tuberculosis 2,657.

*Buffalo.*—Month of October, 1908. Estimated population, 410,000. Total number of deaths, 632, including diphtheria 17, scarlet fever 10, enteric fever 18, whooping cough 5, and 48 from tuberculosis. Cases: Diphtheria 136, enteric fever 66, measles 20, scarlet fever 326, whooping cough 18, and tuberculosis 56.

*Saratoga Springs.*—Month of October, 1908. Estimated population, 11,822. Total number of deaths, 12, including 2 from tuberculosis. Cases: Scarlet fever 2, diphtheria 2, and tuberculosis 3.

**NORTH CAROLINA.**—Month of September, 1908. Estimated population, 1,893,810. Reports of state board of health from 74 counties show as follows: Measles in 5 counties, whooping cough in 16 counties, scarlet fever in 25 counties, diphtheria in 39 counties, enteric fever in 59 counties, malarial fever in 17 counties, pernicious malarial fever in 6 counties, hemorrhagic malarial fever in 5 counties, and smallpox in 3 counties, viz: Currituck, several; McDowell, 6, and Nash, 4.

*Charlotte.*—Month of October, 1908. Estimated population, 40,000. Total number of deaths, 57, including enteric fever 1, and 11 from tuberculosis. Cases of contagious diseases reported: Diphtheria 7, scarlet fever 3.

**OHIO—Cleveland.**—Month of September, 1908. Estimated population, 515,000. Total number of deaths, 522, including diphtheria 7,

enteric fever 5, measles 2, scarlet fever 1, and 38 from tuberculosis. Cases of contagious diseases not reported.

*Zanesville.*—Month of October, 1908. Estimated population, 30,000. Total number of deaths, 28, including 5 from tuberculosis. Cases: Enteric fever 7, scarlet fever 2.

PENNSYLVANIA—*South Bethlehem.*—Month of November, 1908. Estimated population, 18,000. Total number of deaths, 15. Cases: Scarlet fever 1, enteric fever 3, diphtheria 1, and whooping cough 1.

TENNESSEE—*Nashville.*—Month of October, 1908. Estimated population, 124,769. Total number of deaths, 152, including enteric fever 3, diphtheria 6, and 24 from tuberculosis. Cases: Diphtheria 42, scarlet fever 28, smallpox 1, and enteric fever 67.

UTAH—*Salt Lake.*—Month of October, 1908. Estimated population, 85,000. Total number of deaths 96, corresponding to an annual death rate of 13.56 per 1,000. Deaths: Enteric fever 5, diphtheria 2, and 5 from tuberculosis. Cases: Smallpox 14, scarlet fever 11, diphtheria 9, measles 1, enteric fever 25, and whooping cough 15.

VIRGINIA—*Newport News.*—Month of October, 1908. Estimated population, 28,749. Total number of deaths, 24, including enteric fever 2, diphtheria 1, and 4 from tuberculosis. Cases: Diphtheria 18.

WASHINGTON—*Seattle.*—Month of September, 1908. Estimated population, 276,562. Total number of deaths, 172, including diphtheria 2, enteric fever 5, and 16 from tuberculosis. Cases: Diphtheria 35, measles 9, enteric fever 100, scarlet fever 14, smallpox 1, tuberculosis 15.

WISCONSIN—*Oshkosh.*—Month of October, 1908. Estimated population, 30,000. Total number of deaths, 43. Cases: Enteric fever 2, scarlet fever 4, and diphtheria 9.